GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP IN DEALERSHIP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI is conducting inquiry for the selection of petrol pump dealers by BPCL in Jodhpur area (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, whether the complaints regarding the dealers selection by BPCL officers in Haryana and Punjab have also been referred; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): CBI is not conducting any such enquiry. CBI, Jodhpur, had, however, investigated a complaint alleging irregularity in the allotment of a Retail Outlet (RO) at Pipar State highway in Jodhpur District and pointed out discrepancies in field investigation/physical verification of land by BPCL officials and recommended action as deemed fit.

(b) & (c): CBI, Chandigarh has sent a complaint to BPCL, for action as deemed fit, alleging irregularities in the allotment of ROs in village Jalalaiwal and Halwara in Punjab.

A complaint has been received from the Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association alleging corruption in the matter of allotment of petrol pumpslbenami allotments to a mafia in the name of SC/STs.